52 Nos. of works were completed during 2002-03, includes works in progress of previous years.

(b) During 2002-03 Rs. 91.20 crores were allotted for improvement of works and Rs. 33.86 crores for maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan.

(c) During the last three years the allocation made by the Ministry and expenditure incurred by the State is as below:

Description	2000-2001 (Rs. in Crores)		2001-02 (Rs. in Crores)		2002-03 (Rs. in Crores)		2003-04 (Rs. in Crores)	
	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.
NH(O)	90.23	85.45	83.50	82.67	91.20	91.20	93.00	27.00
M&R	34.12	34.12	44.88	40.59	33.86	29.68	35.58	5.80

(d) 26 project estimates are under examination.

Development of Highways in Himachal Pradesh

1074. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop the State Highways of Himachal Pradesh as National Highways on the lines of North-Eastern State;

(b) the Highways which are proposed to be developed as National Highways during the financial year 2004-05; and

(c) the amount Government propose to sanction during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) There is no proposal for declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.

(c) Does not arise.

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(c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, there is an outlay of Rs. 58854.50 crore for National Highways of the entire country.

Financial assistance for National Highways in Rajasthan

1075. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated any additional financial assistance for construction and maintenance of the National Highways in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any list of works has been made with regard to the National Highways in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The normal allocation has been made for construction and maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan. No additional allocation is required.

(c) Annual Plans are prepared every year for sanction of works.

Connecting major ports with National Highways

1076. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate road connectivity to major ports in the country through four lane National Highways and other roads has been developed or proposed to be developed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status thereof, port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Statement.

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